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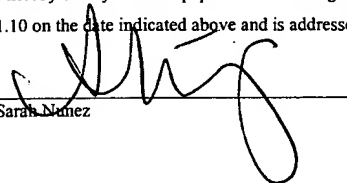
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2004, now due to expire December 1, 2004, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on March 1, 2005.

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